

Operation Iraqi Freedom II

"Telling the First Team's Story"

Saturday, April 17, 2004

#### Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff Visits First Team



By Spc. Bryan Kinkade, 1st Cav Div PAO

1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division commanding general, Maj. Gen. Pete Chiarelli, shows the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Richard Myers, the latest technology in the division's tactical operation center during his visit April 15. Myers met with both commanding generals of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav. Div. and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Div.

### Rocket Attacks Hit Camp Victory; 2 Dead, 7 Wounded

#### By MSG Dave Larsen 1st Cavalry Division PAO

Two Iraqi civilians died following a 122-millimeterrocket attack at Camp Victory Friday at approximately 10 a.m.

In all, five rockets were fired at the base camp, home of Task Force Baghdad.

Two Iraqi civilians died when three rockets fell shy of the camp. Four others were wounded outside the base camp during the attack.

Two rockets impacted inside the camp, wounding two U.S. civilian employees and one Soldier. The attack on the base camp comes just one day after the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division's transfer of authority of the Baghdad area of operation Thursday.

A 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division spokesman condemned the attack. "This attack on innocent Iraqis and coalition forces is yet another sign of the lawless tactics of the enemies of freedom," said Division Public Affairs Officer, Lt. Col. James Hutton.

The incident is under investigation.

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## Red Team Remembers Fallen Soldier

By Staff Sgt. Tony Sailer 122nd MPAD

CAMP FERRIN-HUG-GINS- Hundreds of Red Team Soldiers gathered mid-morning to pay respects to one of their fallen brothers during a memorial service here April 14.

Pfc. Adolfo Carballo, Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 21st Field Artillery Regiment, 5th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, died April 10 when he was struck in the back by a rocket propelled grenade during a patrol in south Baghdad. Four days later, Soldiers of his unit joined with other 5BCT troops to celebrate his life and commemorate his death.

Capt. Thomas Pugsley, Alpha Battery's commander, commented on Carballo's life, service and sacrifice.

"As a Soldier under my command, I could always count on him to do the right thing; to fight with courage and honor and never back down from what he knew was right. And the night he died, he held true to these convictions," Pugsley said

As the ceremony progressed, friends recounted fond memories, read scripture and recited a poem. Battalion chaplain, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. John Boyer tried to put into perspective the events of the last few days.

"Each one of us has asked the question that exists deep within the heart of humanity; 'Why Oh Lord?'" Boyer pondered. "We have tried to make sense of the tragedy. We have reasoned and questioned."

He reminded those present to focus on the road ahead and that in this Easter season, death has no triumph. He said that each person's contribution is valuable.

"We honor Carballo's sacrifice," Boyer continued, "by keeping his spirit alive in this fight for freedom, democracy and liberation."

A native of Houston, Texas, Carballo served in the military as a Multiple Launch Rocket System crewmember. His awards include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal and Army Service Ribbon. Carballo was posthumously promoted to the rank of Specialist.

Carballo is survived by his wife Elisa, and his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Cesar Carballo.

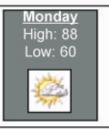


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Maj. Gen. Pete Chiarelli, commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, salutes the memorial of Pfc. Alfonso Carballo during a service commemorating the fallen Soldier held on Camp Ferrin-Huggins April 14. Carballo died April 10 when he was struck in the back by a rocket-propelled grenade during a patrol.







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### 39th Brigade Combat Team Subject of Documentary

From Discovery Times Channel LITTLE ROCK, Ark.-Discovery Times Granted Exclusive Access to Arkansas National Guard Unit From of Their Commencement Mission to in Iraa Completion-

Showcasing the largest deployment of the Arkansas National Guard since World War II, the world premiere Discovery Times Channel documentary, OFF TO WAR, follows 57 citizen-Soldiers from Clarksville, Ark., as they leave their jobs and their families for Iraq. The first episode of the limited series premieres on Tuesday, April 20, 2004 at 8:00 PM (ET/PT).

OFF TO WAR is the story of a real life Band of Brothers and of the people back home who await their return.

Ronald Jackson and his stepson, Tommy Erp, leave their turkey farm, turning over control to Jackson's wife and father for the year. Baptist minister Sgt. Joe Betts leaves a new church and congregation as well as three children and a wife who is concerned about shouldering the burden of caring for their family while Joe is The parents of Matt gone. Hertlein, the young soldier, are apprehensive about his deployment.

Before leaving for Iraq, the National Guard members undergo six months of training to transform them from sometimes out-of-shape, overweight citizens to ready Soldiers and Iraqi peacekeepers. The transformation is sometimes less than perfect. Some of the guardsmen, no matter how

patriotic, are tested by the grueling physical training. It is with mixed feelings that they accept a tour of duty unimaginable the previous year.

The unit deploys from Kuwait on April 3 to their new home north of Baghdad. They join already deployed units conducting house-to-house searches. Some men are involved in construction. Sgt. Jackson, who is guarding a group of Iraqi prisoners who were suspected of attacking the American base with mortars says, "Last month I was taking care of 10,000 turkeys - now I've got 19 prisoners."

Embedded with the men from Clarksville are filmmakers Brent and Craig Renaud. The brothers, both born and raised in Little Rock, Ark., have produced documentaries for HBO and PBS.

OFF TO WAR is produced by Jon Alpert of DCTV for Discovery Times Channel. Diana Sperrazza of Discovery Times Channel is executive producer.

The Discovery Times Channel is available to 33 million subscribers in the United States and is a joint venture between The New York Times Company and Discovery Communications, Inc., the leading global real-world media and entertainment company.

Episode Air dates OFF TO WAR (Chapter One) -World Premiere: Tuesday, April 20, 8-9 PM (ET/PT) OFF TO WAR (Chapter Two) -World Premiere: Aug. 2004 OFF TO WAR (Chapter Three) - World Premiere: Sept.2004



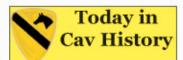
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Sgt. 1st Class Richard Backalew, Staff Sgt. Michael Sherman and Spc. Jeremy McKinney, all 1st Battalion, 21st Field Artillery Regiment, 5BCT Soldiers, prepare the flags that adorn the memorial of Pfc. Alfonso Carballo.

#### Today in History April 17

From <u>historychannel.com</u>

1790 Benjamin Franklin 1924 MGM formed 1937 Daffy Duck debuts 1945 Americans seize 1,100 tons of uranium 1961 The Bay of Pigs invasion begins 1964 Ford introduced the Mustang on the 1st day of the New York World's Fair 1970 Apollo 13 returns to earth



1998 Deployment of the 1st Cavalry Division to Bosnia announced.

# Sports/Leisure

## North Little Rock Senior 3 Goals From Tying Record

▶ From Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

The Marlin Meter stands at 24, but chances are the count won't stay that way for long

Matt Marlin, a senior for North Little Rock, has scored in all but two of the Charging Wildcats' 14 games this season. He is three goals away from tying a school record.

"That record is important to me, but it's not as important as a state title or a key victory over a top team like Conway," Marlin said. "My top goal is to see the team do well."

The school record for goals in one season is 27, set by Garrett Childress in 1998, the last time the Charging Wildcats earned a state title.

"We're hoping to repeat both of those," North Little Rock Coach Marc Gill said.

"I think there's a good

chance I'll do it," Marlin said of breaking the record. "We've got four games left, and two of them are against teams I've been able to score a lot against. The good thing about it is that when I score, I'm not hurting the team. For every goal I score, that's one less chance the other team has to beat us."

Marlin, a University of Central Arkansas signee, scored both of his team's goals in Tuesday's 2-0 home victory over Little Rock Catholic. He scored on a header off a corner kick by Josh Spillyard with 29:39 left in the first half. Sixteen minutes later, Marlin made a nifty move to get around a Little Rock Catholic defender to score his second goal on a breakaway.

"We get to see that every day in practice," Gill said. "But it's much more fun to see him make those types of moves in games." Marlin credits much of his success to Spillyard's passing. Spillyard has a team-high 27 assists.

"He has more assists than I do goals," Marlin said. "We've played together so long that he knows the runs I like to make."

Marlin, who said he has been aware of the school record for some time, started the season with a scoreless effort against Little Rock Hall on Feb. 19. When the teams played a second time March 9, Marlin made up for that game with a four-goal performance.

The only other game in which Marlin did not score was the Charging Wildcats' first meeting with Catholic on March 25.

"That's why it was important to me to score [Tuesday] night," Marlin said.

Gill said Marlin also has between "10 and 15 assists." this season

"His best asset is that he involves the whole team," Gill said. "He's very unselfish."

Marlin's march to the school scoring record continues tonight with a home game against Little Rock Parkview.



Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

Senior Matt Marlin, of North Little Rock High School, is only 3 goals away from tying the school record.

TV GUIDE	AFN	PACIFIC	Sports)	AFN Spectrum
18:00	Law & Order	Saturday Night Live 17:30	Sportscenter	The Road from Coorain 17:00
19:00	Your Corps/ Navy/Marine Corps News	Kickin' It	Sportscenter	The View
20:00	Sportscenter	The Best Damn Sports Show Period	WNBA	What Not to Wear
21:00	NBA Shootaround	Ballroom Boxing	Beyond the Glory	Trading Spaces
22:00	NBA Playoffs: 1st round Gm 1: Boston @ Indiana	ESPNews	Wire to Wire/ Gillette World Sport	Trading Spaces

#### **Scores**



NBA Playoffs 1st Round

Saturday, April 17 Boston @ Indiana NY Knicks @ New Jersey Memphis @ San Antonio Houston @ LA Lakers

Sunday, April 18 Milwaukee @ Detroit Dallas @ Sacramento New Orleans @ Miami Denver @ Minnesota



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